Congressionally Directed Spending Guidance

The Senate Appropriations Committee is accepting requests for congressionally directed spending (CDS) for only specific accounts that meet specific requirements. Prior to submitting and finalizing your request, please ensure that your application includes the information summarized in this document.

In determining if your project is eligible, please consult the relevant program guidance. With the exception of for-profit entities, if the project is eligible to receive funding through a competitive process, it is likely eligible to receive a CDS.

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Agriculture Subcommittee Guidance

For all CDS accounts, please certify in your justification that your project will be able to 1) meet all environmental review requirements and 2) secure the required match.

- Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) (S&E)
    - Below are the line items within the account that are most compatible with CDS:
        - Field Crop & Rangeland Ecosystems Pests
        - Pest Detection
        - Plant Protection Methods Development
        - Specialty Crop Pests
        - Tree & Wood Pests
        - Wildlife Damage Management
        - Wildlife Services Methods Development
        - Veterinary Diagnostics
        - Equine, Cervid and Small Ruminant Health
    - Please be aware that some APHIS programs have matching requirements.

- Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Conservation Operations

- Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations (WFPO)
    - In your justification for your request, please certify that the project contain benefits directly related to agriculture, including rural communities that account for at least 20 percent of the total benefits of the project and that the project sponsor contacted their NRCS state office to ensure that the proposal meets all program requirements, including financial requirements.

- Rural Development, Community Facilities grants
    - This program will fund up to 75% of total project costs, with match requirements based on area median income and population as follows:
        - Maximum of 75 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 5,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 60 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
        - Maximum of 55 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 12,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
        - Maximum of 35 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 80 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.

- Maximum of 15 percent when the proposed project is located in a rural community having a population of 20,000 or fewer; and the median household income of the proposed service area is below the higher of the poverty line or 90 percent of the State nonmetropolitan median household income.
        - Maximum grant assistance cannot exceed the lower of:
            - Qualifying percentage of eligible project cost determined above
            - Either 50 percent of the annual State allocation or $50,000, whichever is greater
        - Full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found here: [7 CFR Part 3570](#)

- Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program (DLT) grants
    - There is a flat 15 percent match (funds cannot come from another Federal source)
    - Full list of eligible entities, uses, and limitations can be found here: [7 CFR Part 1734 Subpart A and B](#)

Commerce, Justice, Science Subcommittee Guidance

The CJS Subcommittee will accept CDS in the following accounts:

NOAA ORF Special Projects. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for NOAA ORF. Projects should address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, and atmospheric research and programs. Construction projects will not be accepted.

NIST STRS External Projects. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for NIST STRS. Projects should address standards-related research and technology development. Construction projects will not be accepted.

DOJ Byrne Discretionary. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for Byrne Discretionary projects to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.

Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of [2 CFR Part 200](#) and the [DOJ Grants Financial Guide](#). Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in the 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation.

To be allowable under Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology. The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS for COPS Law Enforcement Technology projects for the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and

preventing crime. Recipients shall include State, local, Tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies (for example, police and/or sheriff's departments).

Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the COPS Office statute, including the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime.

Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the applicable Award Owner's Manual. Agencies should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy implications associated with generating, acquiring, or using technology or data. For example, agencies who purchase unmanned aircraft systems must be aware of the Federal requirements and best practices for their effective and safe operation that is respectful of civil liberties and maximize the safety of citizens.

NASA Safety, Security and Mission Support (SSMS). The Subcommittee will accept CDS for NASA SSMS. Projects should focus on science education, research, and technology development related to NASA's mission. Medical research projects, Space Grant projects (which require a funding match), and projects at NASA-owned Visitor Centers are discouraged. This account does not fund construction but could be used for equipment, research funding, or education programs.

NIST Construction of Research Facilities. The Subcommittee will accept CDS for NIST Construction projects for non-Federal research facilities at research institutions and colleges and universities. However, given the significant investments necessary for construction projects, only a very limited number of projects will be able to be supported on an annual basis.

Energy and Water Subcommittee Guidance

The Subcommittee will only consider CDS requests for items in the following accounts:

- Corps of Engineers: Investigations
- Corps of Engineers: Construction
- Corps of Engineers: Operation & Maintenance
- Corps of Engineers: Mississippi Rivers & Tributaries
- Bureau of Reclamation: Water and Related Resources
- Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)
- Office of Electricity (OE)
- Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response (CESER)
- Office of Nuclear Energy (NE)
- Office of Fossil Energy (FE)

For the Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation, only authorized projects and programs will be considered for funding. An authorized project or program that has not received funding in prior years is considered a new start.

Financial Service and General Government Subcommittee Guidance

The Subcommittee will accept requests for CDS items only in the accounts listed.

- Small Business Administration, Administrative Provision
- National Archives and Records Administration, National Historical Publications and Records Commission
- National Archives and Records Administration, Repair and Restoration
- General Services Administration, Federal Buildings Fund, Construction and Acquisition

Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Subcommittee Guidance

The LHHS Subcommittee will accept CDS requests for the following activities:

Employment and Training Administration

The Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) demonstrations authority, within Training and Employment Services, is the only Department of Labor program that supports CDS. These projects must meet all WIOA requirements. In addition, all projects must: 1) Include direct services to individuals to enhance employment opportunities; 2) Demonstrate evidence of a linkage with the State or local workforce investment system; and 3) Include an evaluation component.

Equipment purchases may be included within congressionally directed funding only as an incidental part of the entire project. A similar standard applies to curriculum development, which should be incidental to the project's emphasis on direct services to individuals.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

CDS within HRSA should be submitted through the Program Management account and must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Health Facilities Construction and Equipment**—CDS for the cost of construction, renovation, or capital equipment purchase for facilities for health, mental health, or substance abuse services, training of health professionals, or medical research. Examples of eligible facilities include hospitals; health centers and clinics; skilled nursing facilities; mental health centers; facilities for schools of medicine, nursing, or other health

professions; and medical research laboratories. In addition to construction and renovation, funding can be used to acquire capital equipment, such as lab equipment or x-ray machines. Equipment-only grants—that is, grants not involving construction—are permissible. Generally, any equipment having a useful life of more than one year and a unit cost of at least $5,000 will be eligible as capital equipment.

In addition, equipment with lower costs may also be eligible, provided that it is treated as an item of capital expense under the recipient institution's pre-existing, written accounting policies. Equipment expenses for health information systems and electronic medical records systems are permitted expenditures. The costs of expendable supplies such as pharmaceuticals, lab chemicals, or office paper are not eligible.

HRSA Health Facilities funding cannot be used to acquire land or purchase existing buildings, or to pay salaries or other operating costs. Funding cannot be used to pay for work previously completed. CDS can be used for architectural and engineering costs associated with an eligible construction project, but cannot be used for general feasibility studies.

- **Health Professions Education and Workforce Development**—CDS for projects to improve education and training of health care professionals.

- **Rural Health** —CDS for projects to improve health care in rural areas. Examples of eligible activities include medical, dental, or mental health care services; health promotion and education; chronic disease management; telehealth services; and improvements to emergency medical services. Grant funds can be used for services only in areas that meet HRSA's definition of rural. For lists of eligible areas and further information regarding that definition, see: https://www.hrsa.gov/rural-health/about-us/definition/index.html.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

CDS within SAMHSA should be submitted through the Health Surveillance and Program Support account and must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Mental Health**—funding to support programs that promote the prevention or treatment of mental health disorders, including rehabilitation, outreach, and other support services.

- **Substance Abuse Treatment**—funding to support programs that improve access, reduce barriers, and promote high quality, effective treatment and recovery services.

- **Substance Abuse Prevention**—funding to support programs to prevent the onset of illegal drug use, prescription drug misuse and abuse, alcohol misuse and abuse, and underage alcohol and tobacco use.

CDS within SAMSHA cannot be used for construction (other than a limited amount of renovation necessary to carry out a funded project).

Administration for Children and Families

CDS within ACF should be submitted through the Children and Families Services Programs account and must fall under one of the following categories:

- **Child Abuse Prevention**—CDS for projects to improve the prevention, assessment, identification, and treatment of child abuse and neglect through research, model service improvement, information dissemination, and technical assistance. Projects must serve or target abused and/or neglected children and their families.

- **Social Services Research and Demonstration**—CDS for projects to promote the ability of families to thrive through financial self-sufficiency, and to promote the healthy development and greater well-being of children and families. Projects can serve a diverse population including: low-income individuals, children, youth, families, individuals with developmental disabilities, and Native Americans.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

Administration for Community Living

Aging and Disability Services Programs—CDS for projects to improve the ability of older adults and individuals of all ages with disabilities to live independently and participate fully in their communities. Generally, CDS should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, education, training, support services, and independent living services for older adults and individuals with disabilities.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

Innovation and Improvement

Fund for the Improvement of Education (FIE)—elementary and secondary education CDS can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of elementary and secondary education projects, including instructional services, afterschool centers, curricula development, teacher training, acquisition of books and computers, arts education, social and emotional learning activities, full-service community schools, and early childhood education. In general, the focus of elementary and secondary education CDS should be providing early childhood or K-12 educational services.

In addition, CDS to provide and improve special education services at the elementary and secondary levels are also eligible under this heading. These CDS may include early intervention services for infants and toddlers, transition services, and postsecondary education services.

Eligible grantees are state education agencies, school districts, colleges and universities, and other public and private nonprofit entities. Generally, CDS intended for individual schools is provided to the applicable school district and not directly to the individual school.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of school buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades. Daycare and childcare projects that do not include educational services are also not eligible.

Rehabilitation Services

Demonstration and Training—CDS can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of projects that further the purposes of the Rehabilitation Act, including by providing individuals with disabilities with education, training, support services, and independent living services. Generally, CDS should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, such services for individuals with disabilities. Eligible grantees include State vocational rehabilitation agencies, community rehabilitation programs, Indian tribes or tribal organizations, or other public or nonprofit agencies and organizations.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of facilities.

Higher Education

Fund for the Improvement of Postsecondary Education (FIPSE)—CDS can be designated under this heading for a wide variety of higher education projects. Generally, requests should focus on improving access to, or the quality of, postsecondary education.

Examples of the types of projects that can be funded under FIPSE include projects to hire and train faculty, establish and improve degree programs, improve teacher preparation programs, develop and improve curricula, upgrade technology and telecommunications, acquire science laboratory equipment, provide student support, implement university partnerships with school districts, and establish research and training centers.

Grantees are usually colleges and universities, but may include other public and private nonprofit organizations.

CDS cannot be used for construction or renovation of academic buildings, except in the case of minor remodeling required as part of technology upgrades.

Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Subcommittee Guidance

The following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:
- Military Construction, Army
- Military Construction, Navy and Marine Corps
- Military Construction, Air Force
- Military Construction, Defense-Wide
- Military Construction, Army National Guard
- Military Construction, Air National Guard

- Military Construction, Army Reserve
- Military Construction, Navy Reserve
- Military Construction, Air Force Reserve

Requests may include major construction, unspecified minor military construction, and planning and design, however, only certain military construction projects within these accounts are eligible for CDS.

Eligible major military construction projects must be:
- Authorized in the Fiscal Year 2022 or prior year National Defense Authorization Act;
- At 35% design or higher with a DD 1391; and
- Prepared to award a construction contract in Fiscal Year 2022;

Transportation, Housing and Urban Development Subcommittee Guidance

The subcommittee will accept requests for CDS, and the CDS item must have a reasonable expectation of being obligated before funds expire. THUD will accept CDS in six accounts:
- "Transportation Planning, Research, and Development (TPR&D)" for transportation research projects eligible under title 23 or title 49, United States Code;
- "Grants-in-Aid for Airports (Airport Improvement Program or AIP)" for airport capital projects eligible under chapter 471 of title 49, United States Code;
- "Highway Infrastructure Program (HIP)" for highway capital projects eligible under title 23, United States Code;
- "Transit Infrastructure Grants (TIG)" for transit capital projects eligible under chapter 53 of title 49, United States Code;
- "Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) Grants" for rail capital projects eligible under section 22907 of title 49, United States Code; and
- "Community Development Fund" within the line item "Economic Development Initiatives (EDI)" for economic development projects eligible under chapter 69 of title 42, United States Code.

For all transportation requests please include in your justification the status of the planning and environmental work related to the project and a link to the master plan (for AIP CDS), the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan, Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP), or State Rail Plan, as appropriate.

For all Economic Development Initiatives (EDI), please include in your justification the current status of the project, a description of all other sources of funding contributing to the total cost of the project, and the status of the planning and environmental review work. In addition, include relevant data on how activities or projects benefit primarily low- and moderate-income persons or communities to meet program requirements. Requesters should also provide a link to the project website, if available, or a link to the HUD five year Consolidated Plan or Annual Action

Plan if the project is included or complements planned or current projects within these required plans.

Homeland Security Subcommittee Guidance

For Fiscal Year 2022, the following accounts are eligible for CDS requests:

- Pre-Disaster Mitigation Projects:
    - o Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant program, including the cost-share requirement, benefit cost ratio, and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).
    - o For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2022 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state agency responsible for administering mitigation grants in the requestor's state must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that entity will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate state agency affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

- Emergency Operations Center Grant Program:
    - o Requested projects must meet the eligibility requirements of the Emergency Operations Center grant program, including the cost-share requirement and environmental and historic preservation requirements. Requirements can be found in the most recent [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).
    - o For any projects designated for funding in the final fiscal year 2022 Homeland Security Appropriations Act, the state administrative agency (SAA) must submit an application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and that agency will serve as the administrative agent for the grant. Therefore, all project proposals must be accompanied by a letter of support from the appropriate SAA affirming that it believes the project is eligible.

Interior and Environment Subcommittee Guidance

The subcommittee will accept CDS requests within the following programs. Information about eachprogram and the justification required for each project are explained in detail below.

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2. NPS, Save America's Treasures
3. USFS, State and Private Forestry,
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     - BLM, Land Acquisition
     - FWS, Land Acquisition
     - NPS, Land Acquisition
     - USFS, Land Acquisition
     - USFS, Forest Legacy
   - LRF: Great American Outdoors Act, Legacy Restoration Fund
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     - FWS, Legacy Restoration Fund
     - NPS, Legacy Restoration Fund
     - BIE, Legacy Restoration Fund
     - USFS, Legacy Restoration Fund
   - LMCON: Land Management Agencies, Construction
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   - USGS, Surveys Investigations and Research, Status and Trends
6. BIA, Operation of Indian Programs, Special Initiatives
7. EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities
8. EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants

The Interior Subcommittee requires additional supplemental information. Please answer the questions specific to the account you are requesting funding from and upload the responses as a supplement to your form.

EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, Water and Wastewater Infrastructure

If you are requesting a CDS for water infrastructure, this includes construction of, and modifications to, municipal sewage treatment plants and drinking water treatment plants, please fill out the table and upload as a supplemental form to the online web form for Senators Merkley and Wyden. Privately-owned projects are NOT eligible for water infrastructure grants.

Questions	Answers
Is the project on the state's most recently finalized Clean Water or Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Intended Use Plan?	
If the answer to the question above is NO, is the project eligible under SRF guidelines?	
What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?	
Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?	
Is the preliminary planning and engineering design completed for this project?	
When will this project be ready to proceed to construction?	
What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?	
What is the amount requested for the project?	
Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others)?	
Does the community have a financing plan certified by an authorized local official demonstrating how it will cover the matching funds of 20% or more?	
What are the anticipated non-federal sources of funding for this project?	

Tribal Projects

For tribal projects, the subcommittee will accept CDS requests for projects eligible through Indian Health Services' (IHS) Sanitation Deficiency System (SDS), please fill out the table and upload as a supplemental form to the online web form for Senators Merkley and Wyden.

Questions	Answer
Is the project on the IHS Sanitation Deficiency System list?	
If the answer to the question above is NO, is the project eligible under the Criteria for the Sanitation Facilities Construction Program?	
What is the project purpose, e.g., drinking water, wastewater, stormwater, and/or water quality protection?	
Is this request seeking funding for planning and design, construction, or both?	
Is the preliminary planning and engineering design completed for this project?	
When will this project be ready to proceed to construction?	
What is the total estimated cost of the project, based on the facilities plan or preliminary engineering report?	
Please list any funding received from federal appropriations, including the fiscal year and source of funding (Clean Water SRF, Drinking Water SRF, STAG grants, USDA Rural Development Program, FEMA, or others), if applicable?	
If applicable, does the community have a financing plan?	

Save America's Treasures

If you are requesting CDS from the Save America's Treasures program, please fill out the table and upload as a supplemental form to the online web form for Senators Merkley and Wyden.

Questions	Answers
If the request is for property, does the property meet the HPF program requirements of being listed, at the appropriate level, for the National Register of Historic Places or as a National Historic Landmark individually or as contributing to an historic district? Required YES, NO, or N/A	
What type of entity is the recipient (e.g., non-profit organization, state or local government, educational institution, Federally-recognized Indian tribe, Alaska Natives, or Native Hawaiian Organizations)? Please specify.	
Has the project received a previous federal grant in the past? For SAT, previous projects can be viewed here: NPS SatMap. Please answer one of the following: YES and note the year, the amount, and the federal program; or NO.	
Please note that each program includes separate matching requirements; for example, HBCU grants do not require a match. If the request is for SAT, does the recipient have in place, or a plan to provide, the one-to-one match with non-federal cash and/or in-kind contribution? Please answer YES, NO, or N/A.	
Would the requested project fund an eligible activity under the HPF? For example, for SAT, please visit here. Please answer YES or NO.	

State & Private Forestry

If you are requesting CDS from the State and Private Forestry account, please fill out the table and upload as a supplemental form.

Questions	Answers
For U.S. Forest Service, State and Private Forestry (SPF), is this project part of or contribute to the state's Forest Action Plan? **Required YES or NO**	
Does the project meet the eligibility and matching requirements as specified on the USFS webpage for the relevant grant program?	
Does the USFS have the authority to provide funds to this project and/or recipient?	
Is the project part of a state Forest Action Plan or otherwise ranked in a prioritized list (provide list name and rank)?	
How does this project contribute to the state Forest Action Plan?	
What is the federal nexus for this project and why should there be a federal funding component?	
Has this project received previous federal funds (provide year, amount, and program)?	
What is the total cost of the project? Are there matching funds or partner contributions?	
What is the timeline for this project?	
Describe how the project will conserve and steward working forests or open space, protect forest health from insects and disease, meet urban and community forestry goals, create opportunities for innovative wood use, improve fire mitigation efforts, or otherwise benefit communities and forested lands.	

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Other Accounts

If you are requesting CDS for any of the following accounts, please fill out the table and upload as a supplemental form.

- BLM, Management of Land and Resources, Habitat Management Priorities – project requests may be considered for activities related to wildlife and aquatic habitat management.
- NPS, National Recreation and Preservation, Statutory and Contractual Aid – project requests may be considered for activities relating to operating, managing, and preserving resources, including as authorized by law.
- FWS, Resource Management, Stewardship Priorities – project requests may be considered for fish and aquatic conservation, habitat conservation, recovery, and restoration activities.
- USGS, Surveys Investigations and Research, Status and Trends – project requests may be considered for high priority and core science research, and ecosystem and water resources related activities.
- BIA, Operation of Indian Programs, and Special Initiatives: BIA provides direct services and funding for compacts and contracts for tribes to provide programs for a wide range of activities. Within this account, requests may be considered that honor the commitment to invest in tribal communities, create economic opportunities, foster cultural heritage, promote efficient and effective tribal governance, and conserve natural resources.
- EPA, Science and Technology, Research: National Priorities: Project requests may be considered for high priority lines of research related to environmental quality and human health.
- EPA, State and Tribal Assistance Grants, STAG Infrastructure Grants: Requests will only be considered for projects related to existing funding categories and activities within the STAG account that will result in improvements in environmental quality and/or human health.

Questions	Answers
Describe the project and make the case for its consideration.	
Is the recipient entity a federal agency, state agency, tribal entity, local city/county agency, university or college, or non-profit organization?	
Does the project meet the eligibility and matching requirements for a specific grant program (provide description)?	
Does the relevant federal agency have the authority to provide funds to this project and/or recipient (cite authority)?	
Is the project specifically authorized (cite public law or other authority)?	
Is the project on federal land or a federal facility?	
Is the project funded in the President's budget request or in the FY21 enacted Interior bill (provide amount and describe any difference between the enacted or budget level and your request)? Please note that CDS only applies to the extent the proposed project funding level is above the President's request, or the FY21 enacted level (whichever is higher).	
What is the federal nexus for this project and why should there be a federal funding component?	
What is the total cost of the project?	

Has this project received previous federal funds (provide year, amount, and program)?	
Are there matching funds or partner contributions?	
Is this request being submitted to other subcommittees for consideration (note subcommittee, program, amount, and other relevant information)?	
Is the project ranked on any federal, state, or other prioritized list (provide list name and rank)?	
What is the timeline for this project and why are federal funds required in this fiscal year?	
What are the estimated start and completion dates for the project?	
Can the project obligate all of the requested funding within 12 months of receipt?	